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Torrance, California
August 23, 1949

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 8:18 p.m., August 23, 1949, Mayor Sherfey presiding.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those responding being:
COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. ABSENT: COUNCIL-
MEN: Powell. Also present were City Attorney Smith and City
Manager Stevens.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Jackson moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9th and of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of August 16th, be approved as read. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced the time had come for final action on Resolution of Intention, No. 2000, to Close a Portion of High Street, Walteria Tract. There being no objections, Councilman Drale moved said portion of said street be ordered closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The following correspondence was read by Clerk Bartlett:

Letter from Milton L. Brorby requesting permission to sell trailers, 4 at a time, from his home on 235th St. After a short discussion, Councilman Haggard moved request be granted if necessary license and sales tax permit were obtained. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Recommendation from Chief Stroh on matter referred to him at previous meeting (Sunday dance at Atteberry Hall sponsored by Tandang-Sora Lodge) that Mrs. Atteberry should have license to sell pop, etc., and reminding Council of the City ordinance banning Sunday dancing. Councilman Jackson moved that the request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Mrs. M. E. Atteberry requesting permission to operate a "family recreation center" and requesting license to sell pop, candy, etc. Councilman Drale moved request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Optimist Club requesting refund of \$61.09 paid to the City for use of the ball park on July 16th. Councilman Haggard moved request be granted. Councilman Drale asked for clarification of our customary practice and Mr. Riley, Director of Recreation, advised the Council that the City had, for years, charged 10% of the gross gate receipts whenever admission was charged at the park. After considerable discussion, Councilman Haggard withdrew his motion. Councilman Drale moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for a written opinion by the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. City Attorney Smith advised the Council that when the City rents any of its property, it is acting in a proprietary capacity; no ordinance or resolution is necessary; they are on the same plane as a private concern.

Letter from the Optimist Club urging the appointment of Arthur Sues to the Recreation Commission. Mayor Sherfey announced the nomination was receiving his consideration.

Letter from Truman Browne Organization requesting that his application for forty-eight building permits for Tentative Tract Map No. 14202 be issued and approved immediately. Councilman Drale moved that the matter be referred to the Planning Commission for its recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Letter from Mrs. R. C. Brown suggesting a certain parcel of property be obtained by the City for use as a dump. Councilman Jackson moved the communication be referred to the Council as a whole for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Request from the Torrance Unified School District for use of the ballpark for football practice from September 5th to November 25th, inclusive. Bud Lee, representing the Recreation Commission, orally recommended the request be granted. Councilman Haggard so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Letter from Torrance Unified School District re swimming pool and offering to accept responsibility of management of the plant. Mayor Sherfey suggested this letter be made available for the joint meeting between the Council, Board of Education and Recreation Commission. Councilman Jackson so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Letter from Leland J. Franz re an Auxiliary Police Force and offering his services. Councilman Jackson moved the letter be referred to Chief Stroh for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Request from J. W. Wayt, Chairman of Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament being conducted by the American Legion, that the City purchase a trophy to be presented to the winner by the Mayor. It being the policy of the City to do so, Councilman Drale moved for the purchase of a trophy to be presented by the Mayor. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Mrs. Ingham, of Ingham Guest Home, requesting closing of windows in former Moose Hall adjoining her property as window ledges are on her property. Councilman Jackson moved the communication be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney for proper handling. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Letter from Date Ave. and Eldorado Improvement Committee advising property owners would install curbs, gutters and sidewalks in their districts if the City would pave the streets at no cost to the owners. Councilman Haggard moved the matter be referred to the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell. City Manager Stevens advised that this had been the custom and recommended acceptance of the proposition. Councilman Drale moved the Council comply with Mr. Stevens recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Request from Henry W. Niles, Jr., disabled veteran, for permission to operate a portable newsstand at the corner of Marcelina and Sartori. Councilman Jackson moved request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Metropolitan Water District notifying the Council of the District's tax rate of 34¢ for the fiscal year. Matter of record.

Opinion from the City Attorney re classification of Mrs. Lowen from Typist Clerk to Account Clerk. Councilman Haggard asked City Manager Stevens for his recommendation and was advised that the City Attorney's opinion was in line with custom and practice in the City - the classification should be approved. Councilman Haggard moved Mrs. Lowen be classified as Account Clerk as of July 1, 1949. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens were then read as follows:

PERSONNEL:

1. That C. Douglass Smith, having served his probationary period in a superior manner, be appointed permanently as City Attorney, effective August 23, 1949.

Councilman Drale moved C. Douglass Smith be appointed as permanent Attorney for the City, effective August 23, 1949.

ABSENT

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For payment to Harold A. Barnett for engineering services, the sum of \$222.98. (Walteria Sewer District)
2. For payment to Barclay Surveying Company for surveying services, the sum of \$594.00. (Walteria Sewer District and State Gas Tax Funds)
3. For the purchase of portable sprayer, the sum of \$678.00, plus tax.
4. For the purchase of electrical saw for Park Department, the sum of \$785.00, plus tax.
5. For the purchase of road oil for street maintenance on Eshelman Avenue, the sum of \$1,600.00. (From State Gas Tax Funds)
6. For the purchase of road oil for street maintenance on 235th Street, the sum of \$1,600.00. (From State Gas Tax Funds)
7. For the purchase of rock and oil for 223rd Street, the sum of \$980.00. (From County Gas Tax Funds)
8. For rebuilding Hall-Scott motor, the sum of \$1,016.25. (From Bus Department Funds)
9. For the refund to Adele Francois of her deposit of \$100.00 for the reason that her petition to the Planning Commission was not acted upon.

Councilman Jackson moved the Council concur in the recommendations of City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the City Council endorse the program of the County Surveyor for acquiring rights of way for Crenshaw Blvd. between Sepulveda Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway.
2. That the City Council enter into an agreement with the Builders Brick Company for acquiring a parcel of land in North Torrance in return for granting a permit to excavate clay from the site.
3. That the City call for bids for agricultural rights on the Torrance Municipal Airport, bids to be received September 13, 1949.

Councilman Haggard moved that Council concur in the recommendations of City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinances to establish the following traffic control measures, in accordance with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission:

1. Stop Signs:
 - a. Four-way stop at the intersection of Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway and Calle Miramar.
 - b. Stop sign for northwest bound traffic on Monte D'Oro at Camino del Campo.

2. That 25-miles per hour be established on 182nd Street between Crenshaw Blvd. and Arlington Ave.

Councilman Jackson moved that Council concur in recommendations of City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Clerk Bartlett then read the following recommendations of the Planning Commission:

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Councilman Jackson moved Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHARLES T. BERRY:

"Request for permission to construct an apartment over a four-car garage, located on Lot 9, Block 64, Torrance Tract, which would leave a shortage of one garage. This request was unanimously recommended to the Council for approval, providing that off-the-street parking is furnished."

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Clerk Bartlett also read a letter from the Planning Commission relative to Final Tract Map 16125. Councilman Jackson moved Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Haggard suggested that some thought should be given to recreational areas in these new subdivisions. Councilman Jackson withdrew his motion, and moved the communication be referred to the Council for further study and recommendation at the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

City Attorney Smith, who had absented himself from the Council meeting for a short time, reported that the Planning Commission had approved the request of Truman Browne, developer of Tract 14202, read earlier to the Council. City Manager Stevens advised Mr. Browne was in the audience and asked him to speak. Mr. Browne advised the Council the Commission had approved his map and request, and that he would deed to the City one or one and a half acres in his tract for a playground. Lengthy discussion followed, participated in by members of the Council, members of the Planning Commission and Mr. Browne. Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, subject to the provisions as outlined in the letter and promises as reported in the evening's minutes. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved that Mr. Kettler's Tract Map 16125 be accepted. Discussion followed. Receiving no second, Mayor Sherfey declared the motion lost.

At 9:25 p.m., Mayor Sherfey declared a 15-minute recess. Meeting reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SOLICITING MEMBERSHIP IN THE WEST BASIN WATER ASSOCIATION

Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

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CASE NO. 171:

"Petition of Ernest Rapp for a Change of Zone, affecting that portion of the East half of Lot 15, Meadow Park Tract, lying north of Pacific Coast Highway, beginning at a point 331.88 feet east of Ocean Avenue and extending easterly a distance of 200 feet. This property is located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone and the Petitioner requests that this Zone be changed to C-1 (Retail Commercial) use.

"The Planning Commission unanimously recommends approval of this Change of Zone.

"Two public hearings before the Planning Commission have been held and it will be necessary that the third and final public hearing before the City Council be held. This hearing cannot legally be held before September 13, 1949, in order to comply with the legal notice requirements."

Councilman Drale moved that the Mayor set September 13, 1949, at 8:00 p.m., as the time for the third and final hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

CASE NO. 173:

"Rezoning of the following described property:

That certain area of the City of Torrance bounded on the south by Carson Street; on the east by Crenshaw Blvd.; on the north by the northerly boundary of Tract No. 7873; and on the west by Hawthorne Avenue, excepting Tract No. 3458.

"We are transmitting herewith, for your consideration and approval, a map showing the recommendations of the Planning Commission concerning the rezoning of the above described property.

"Two official public hearings have been held according to State and local law and the results of such hearings are incorporated in the recommendation as shown on the attached Zoning Plan marked Exhibit 'A'.

"The Ordinance further requires that one additional official hearing be held before your honorable body. This hearing cannot legally be held prior to September 13, 1949. All supporting data necessary in connection with the above mentioned public hearing before the City Council will be available at the time of such hearing."

Councilman Jackson moved the Council concur in the recommendation and that the Mayor set September 13, 1949, at 8:00 p.m., as the time for third and final hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 14202:

"This Tract, bordered on the west by Hawthorne Blvd., lying approximately 1,000 feet north of 182nd St. and consisting of 48 lots, was unanimously recommended to the Council for approval."

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ORDINANCE NO. 478AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 249

Councilman Drale moved further reading of Ordinance No. 478 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 478 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 479AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE
TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 1949

Discussion of the tax rate followed, with members of the Budget and Taxation Commission objecting to the increase in the General Budget from 91¢ to 93¢. Councilman Jackson moved further reading of Ordinance No. 479 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 479 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale moved that City Manager Stevens make a survey, and take necessary steps, toward the obtaining of additional property for El Retiro Park before the value goes up. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Councilman Haggard moved the City appropriate \$25,000 to be set aside from Public Improvements Budget by an ordinance prepared by the City Attorney toward the construction of a swimming pool. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jackson moved the Council accept the 1949-50 budget as prepared and presented by City Manager and Budget Committee. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Charley Gotts congratulated the Council on its action re the swimming pool and suggested a committee be appointed to investigate pools in surrounding cities. Councilman Drale moved that such a committee be appointed and that Mr. Gotts be a member of same. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

At 10:12, on motion of Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Haggard and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE